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UH Fighter - 1-5PM, Bofharrach 6:30PM, Archery - 11-1, St.Martin's - call Akira 498-0798. Information on weekly Baronial activities is on the inside back cover. Information on Bofharrach activities is located in the Bofharrach articles of the Tosspot.

August

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September

13-14 - Queen's Prize Tournament (Drygestan) Madigan (505)260-0325
27-28 - Equestrian Champion Tournament (Unser Hafen) Jobita (970)484-4609 16

October

11-12 - Kingdom A&S Collegium (Caerthe) Gabrielle (303)394-4003

This month's cover is a portion of a bas relief depicting Greek furniture. *Chairs Through The Ages*, Hart, Dover Publications.

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From the Baron & Baroness

Many thanks to everyone who helped and participated in Crown Tournament. The selection of the heirs to the Crown is an important part of our SCA lives, and it takes a great team to do it well. Mistress Theresa, Lady Graine, Lord Mark, Countess Berengaria, The Gypsy Band of the Wheel, Bofharrach, the Genji, Lady Amice, Lord Timon, and Elsbeth, among many others, really came through.

Congratulations to Sir Akiranaga, His Lordship, Takashige, Lord Toki, and Their Excellencies, Sir Titus & The Honorable Lady Llamrei for their Kingdom recognition. And, to Baroness Leonora, Lord Robert Stewart, The Honorable Lord Takashige, and Lord Toki for admission to Baronial Orders. The beautiful scrolls, the fine food, the great fighting weather, and the pageantry of the weekend are all things to remember.

Our Defender event is upon us. We will be selecting three of our champions - fighting, fencing and archery - at this event. These champions MUST INTEND to be active in the Barony for their year, be role models for their area of expertise, and be willing and able to answer the call to arms of the Barony - in times of war, and in peaceful challenge. We will be watching for chivalry and courage as well as skill at arms. Selection will be dependent upon all of these attributes. Unser Hafen Champions must live within the bounds of the Barony at the time of selection, but the tournaments are open to all qualified competitors. And don't forget the Iron Warrior challenge - compete in all three and become and Iron Warrior of Unser Hafen (open to all). Fencers, Don Ian will be available for fencing authorizations before the Protector Tournament begins on Saturday.

As the northernmost of Their Majesties' Baronies, we need to give support to the smaller groups in the high reaches where dragons roam. We shall be traveling to the **Shire of Plattfordham on August 8-10** to Quest for the Dragons, and to the **Shire of Hinterland on August 22-24** for Dragon Quest. Labor Day weekend is **Field of Gold** back in Unser Hafen. We encourage each of our populace to travel to these events if you can, to enjoy and support the dream we all share.

In service to the Barony and the Crown,

Thorfinn Rosalind

Officer's Reports

Greetings from the Office of the Herald

Unser Hafen Heraldry Submissions					
	Name	*Device*	*Submitted*	*Kingdom*	*Laurel*
Aedan MacAliastair	X		1/97	X	
Aedan MacAliastair		X	1/97	X	
Ban Mac an-t Saoir	X		5/97	X	
Ban Mac an-t Saoir		X	5/97	X	
Dubheasa of Aughinish		X	1/97	X	
Dubheasa of Aughinish	X		1/97	X	
Morien Glyndwyr	X		?	P 3/97	X
Morien Glyndwyr		badge	?	R 3/97	
Morien Glyndwyr		X	?	?	
Moyra MacColla		X	1/97	X	
Phaedra of Crete		X	5/97	X	
Phaedra of Crete	X		5/97	X	
Rosslin Katrein von Hohenzollern		X	?	?	
Rosslin Katrein von Hohenzollern	X		?	P 3/97	X
Saint Martins Abbey	X		?	P 3/97	X
Saint Martins Abbey		X	?	R 3/97	
Sebestian Jameson of Stokesay		badge	10/96	R 3/97	
Sebestian Jameson of Stokesay		Resub	5/97	X	
Sebestian Jameson of Stokesay	X		10/96	P 3/97	X
Sekimura Minamoto Akiranaga		Resub	10/96	pending	
Sone Minamoto Gentarou Takashige		Resub	1/97	X	

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Unto all who come by these words and numbers, does Mark de Saint Sauveur le Vicompt send greetings.

As of the date of our last officers' meeting, the balance of funds in our coffers was $4053.40. Of this $454.35 is reserved for use by the Unser-Hafen Armouring Guild. The quarterly report was finished this month, and sent to Kingdom. Anyone wishing to see the quarterly report should contact me and I will give you a copy or let you peruse one. The bottom line is that we lost almost $900 last quarter, this because we paid most of the fees for our winter fighter practice site, we paid for 6 mos of our dance practice site, and we had the expenses of two events (cattle raid and crown tourney) without having received the income yet. Next quarter will look much better.

I am still looking for a deputy, volunteers are encouraged to come and talk to me.

In service, I am

Lord Mark de Saint Sauveur-le-Vicomte

From the Knight Marshal

Greetings to all in the Great Barony of Unser Hafen. I hope that this missive finds you all in good joy and excellent health. As many of you know, I have held the office of Knight-Marshall for our Coronets over two years now. It has been an honor and a pleasure to hold this responsibility, but like all sojourns this one must come to an end. However, the populace should fear no loss, nor should the Coronets be worried for the fighting arts, for I have found a noble successor whose worthy deeds in office shall surely exceed my own. I ask that all raise a cheer for Lord Theopompous Leonidas who will take up the mantle of Knight-Marshal in the month of August of Anno Sociatatus XXXII.

I am, still in Service to the Dream,

Arglwydd Caradoc ap Rhys

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

A big thank you to Lord Robin, Lady Amice, and Her Excellency, Mistress Rosalind for much assistance with this issue. The great Unser Hafen flood of XXXII left me high and not so dry, and my attentions were elsewhere.

In service to the dream,

Lady Phaedra of Crete

From the Musicians' Guild

Unto all who delight in joyous sounds enveloping our Barony -
The musicians' guild of Unser Hafen consists of those who are interested in learning and performing the music of the Middle Ages. We play, talk, sing and enjoy each others' company. The only prerequisite is enthusiasm, no experience is necessary to join us. Please call Lord Mark at 225-8081 to receive more specifics on gathering date & time.

In service,

Lord Mark

Black Smithing Guild —Dragon's Quest

August forging will be held at the Dragon Quest event, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Dragon Quest is on the weekend of August 23. Please inquire if directions are needed.

I will attempt to put together a demo on making leaves. If you know any leaf making, please demo it also. Hopefully we'll all go home with a bunch of iron leaves.

Instruction is available. Please bring your own safety goggles, gloves, ear protection and old clothes. If you do not have garb that you wish to smith in, I recommend a plain cotton apron (canvas works well). Please do not wear clothes made from synthetics.

Master Tamlene ap Guidgen, guild master (970)663-1513 (Steve Smith)
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Master Garwed Cadburiensis (970)542-0890 (George Monsson)

From the Equestrian Guild:

July has come and gone, and with it there have been a great many changes in the Barony. We at the Equestrian Guild would like to thank Baroness Llamrei and Baron Titus for their continuing support of the Equestrian Guild during their time as Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen. We would also like to welcome our new Baron and Baroness, Thorfinn and Rosalind, and we are looking forward to seeing you both at the Equestrian Event in September. Which brings us to the event in September. The autocrat for this event is Lady Jobita. Please see the event article in this publication. Also, Jobita is looking for individuals to help with the Sunday collegium, so please contact her if you are interested in teaching.

Congratulations to Rossilin and Dubheasa who bravely took horses to War of the Staked Plains in Clovis, New Mexico. A wonderful time was had by all and the horses looked spectacular.

Due to Insurance issue we will NOT be having Official Practices any more. However, we are still gathering as friends on a frequent basis. If you are interested, please contact Rossilin for complete information.

I hope to see you all at the Equestrian Event in September.

Lady Rossilin K. von Hohenzollern
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"3rd" Saturday Sewing Circle — Aug. 16

We will meet on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 1PM for a class and hands-on learning in the dying of wool. Please contact Lady Wenhauer, (970)225-2264, in advance for prep. requirements and more information.

University of Caerthe —August 27

This month we will hear Regan Davis, a 16th Century Englishwoman traveling the world with an equine merchant, tell us about "Following the Path of St. Leonhard". The somewhat obscure St. Leonhard was the patron saint of sick animals and of captives. We will learn about the rather erratic development of veterinary medicine in Period times. Often this was a matter of some ingenious person making a discovery, and then being excommunicated by the Church for it!

We will meet at 7:30 P.M., August 27, the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Wyndylyn's House; 15912 E. Lehigh Circle, Aurora . If you have not been there before, take your best route to Hampden and Chambers. Go east on Hampden to the 2nd right, go south on Kalispell to the "T" intersection of Lehigh Circle. Follow it west and around south until you see the banners. Come on in; the door will be open at 7:00. All are encouraged to attend. For further information, call THL Wyndylyn, 680-1583, Regan Davis, 366-3292, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. Period garb is optional, but appreciated.

Classes for the Curious

Our Barony is blessed with many skills. We need to spread these skills further, both within the Barony and beyond. I want to foster the teaching of classes to achieve this end. In no way do I mean to detract from those classes already ongoing.

Wanted: Gentles interested in learning

Pick your subject, any subject. Tell me of a class of particular interest to you, and I will help you find someone willing to teach it. See the list below-but don't be limited by it. If you wish classes for which there are no skilled teachers to be had (unlikely, I think), then two students will be paired to both become expert.

Wanted: Gentles interested in teaching

I need names to put to these skills. You need not have years of experience; just a bit and a willingness to teach. The small ways which you have found to speed and increase pleasure in your craft must by passed on! Please tell me of your skills!

A short list of subjects wanting students and teachers:

Bread making, Archery (Shooting, Making Arrows and Bows), Sharpening Tools and Knives, Calligraphy, Scroll Layout, Illumination (Celtic Knotwork, Gothic Borders, Capitals), Brewing (Ale), Vintning (Wine), Selecting and Using Tools, Woodworking (Carving, Furniture, Inlay), Metalworking (Hot, Sheet, Twisted Wire, Jewelry), Embroidery, Sewing, Basic T Tunics, Candles, Soap, Leather Work, Bookbinding, Card Weaving, Inkle Loom, Spinning, Natural Dyes, Lace - the list goes on.

Please contact me, students and teachers, gentles within and without the Barony - Master Tamlene ap Guidgen (Steve Smith 663-1513).

Help Wanted

DEPUTIES: The office of Knight Marshal for Fence is seeking a replacement. Please contact Lord Gerard de St. Michelle for more information. Also, Lord Mark is seeking a deputy to take over the Exchequer's office; please speak with him concerning the requirements and responsibilities.

WATERBEARERS NEEDED: This is a chance to contribute and get involved! Please call Elsbeth ni Alpeine (Jennifer Cullor) 484-0628 for more information.

TASTE OF SHAKESPEARE DEMO: The Shire of Caer Galen would appreciate help for this demo being held in Longmont. It is on Sunday, August 10th, 10AM to 7PM. Fencers, fighters, marshals, heralds, fiber arts demonstrators, musicians, dancers, and lots of friendly folk are needed, in costume. Please contact Althea ni Cullaugh, (303)682-5428, e-mail Althea66@aol.com.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Local artisans may be commissioned for custom work. Please call the A&S officer for contact.

ARTISANS: As space is available, you may request ad printing in this publication for your wares and services. Your copy will be subject to the Seneschal's review and approval before printing.

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1) WANTED: Any and all gentles willing to help (as timers, ground crew, troll, lists, etc....) For Sept. 27-28 Unser Hafen Equestrian Championship event, particularly for Saturday.

2) WANTED: Materials for stick horses for Sept. Baronial equestrian champion event, especially wooden dowels/broom handles, and any sewing supplies, fringe, buttons, stuffing materials, and miscellaneous decorations.

3) WANTED: Gentles willing to make or donate prizes for the Sept. Baronial equestrian championship event.

4) WANTED: Gentles willing to teach horse-related classes at the Sept. equestrian event.

For the last 4 notices above, contact:
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From the Gofhearrach Chronicler

Greetings from the Grazing lands,

Summer is coming to a close and soon our children will be returning to school and telling their tales of tournaments, Knights, Kings and Queens, Barons and Baronesses and all of the pageantry and ceremony that we have all witnessed this summer.

Cattle raid was a success again this year despite all of the adversity that we faced beforehand. The combined forces of Unser Hafen and our own brave warriors were victorious over the raiders from Caer Galen and we are looking forward to the next challenge. The Equestrians were successful in rescuing Petunia, Our prized heifer, from those nasties of the shire of the cow eaters, and all of us ladies had our hearts set aflutter when our men showed their strength and abilities in the highland games! My lord husband and myself would like to say a big thank you to EVERYONE that helped to make the event happen.

Crown tournament was more than wonderful, and two of our own fighters stood proud on the tourney field. His Grace, Duke Olaf, and Aramis stood tall among the many who contested for the Crown. His highness, Sir Cameron was the victor at the end of the grueling day. While we did have to see their excellencies Titus and Llamrei step down, we were thrilled to know that they would remain known as their excellencies as a court Baron and Baroness! We welcomed their new Excellencies Thorfinn and Rosalind to their thrones and joined them in the awesome spectacle of Sir Akira's knighting ceremony.

Back to the canton news, we put on 2 demos this month that were a lot of fun. We marched in the Eaton day parade and demoed in the park afterwards and received a lot of positive response. We also put on a wonderful presentation for the Caledonian society of Greeley; they were the perfect audience with a bundle of questions. They honored us with a donation to our group as well as an invitation to all of their future activities. Lady Aldhicinna and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the demos, especially the ones who came both days.

In other Canton news, we are sad to say that Lady Ariel will be stepping down as the Children's minister to pursue her high school career, (talk about a full time job!) and Lady Amice has stepped down as our A&S officer. Their contributions to the Canton in these offices have been appreciated and will be missed. We are looking for a volunteer who is over the age of 18 to guide our youngsters in the SCA as head of the Urchin's Guild, and a new A&S officer to continue leading our learning opportunities. Please contact the Seneschal for more info.

Lastly, we must sadly bid adieu to Jack Ell and Gwendolyn who will be leaving us to move back to the western slope around the beginning of

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September. Please join us on Aug. 5th at Allen Park in Greeley (49th ave. and 9th St..) at a free concert put on by the city of Greeley. The Featured artists are the group known as Colcannon, a Celtic music ensemble. We hope all who know these two wonderful people will join us to say a heartfelt good-bye. Garb is encouraged and please bring some sort of food to share. Call Moyra at 352-9017 for more info.

Until next time, may your cattle grow fat and the market climb higher!

In service,
Lady Moyra

Gofharrach Meeting Schedule

Aug. 1-3 Unser Hafen Defender. Elsbeth the Dark 970-484-0628

Aug. 5 Colcannon Concert and farewell to Jack Ell and Gwendolyn at Allen Park in Greeley 7:00PM. Moyra 352-9017

Aug 6 Sewing Guild. Our Lady of Peace Church.

Aug. 7 Fighter Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00PM Lorcan 352-9017

Aug 8-10 Quest for the Dragons. Plattefordham. Lady Airmid 307=265-7329

Aug 9 Kersey Parade and Demo in the Park. Call Moyra for Line up and other info. The Parade starts at 9:30 am.

Aug. 12 Fighter Practice At Glenmere Park 7:00PM Lorcan 352-9017
Sir Haroun will be joining us to go over the updated heavy weapons rules for the Outlands and give instruction.

Aug. 14 Fighter Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00PM Lorcan 352-9017

Aug 16 Hawks Hollow Defender. Hawks Hollow. Lord Grell'n 303-287-6963

Aug 19 Fighter Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00 PM Lorcan 352-9017

Aug 21 Fighter Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00 pm Lorcan 352-9017

Aug 22-24 Dragons Quest VI. Hinterland Lord Peregrine 308-436-2690

Aug 26 Dance Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00PM Aildhcinna 356-6790

Aug 28 Fighter Practice at Glenmere Park 7:00PM Lorcan 352-9017

Aug 29-Sept 1 Fields of Gold. Crow Valley campground, Briggsdale Lady Caelainn 303-287-6063

Unser Hafen Defender — August 1—3

The Barony of Unser Hafen wishes to invite one and all to this year's Defender, Protector, and Warden tournaments to be held on Saturday, August 2nd. Our current champions hope that fighters, fencers, and archers from near and far will join in the search for their successors. All competitors are welcome and encouraged to join in these tournaments. The 3 Baronial champions will be chosen from the populace of Unser Hafen who compete, however, there will be prize opportunities for everyone.

Saturday's feast will be a potluck coordinated by Lady Amice de Fayel. The Barony will provide chicken, bread, and dessert for $3, but if you choose to feast with us please bring a dish to share with at least 6 others. That is, *every* adult feaster needs to contribute a dish for 6 hungry people. Feast reservations can be made through the autocrat and are limited to the first 100 requests, so please contact her early. If you have dietary questions, call Amice.

For entertainment on Saturday night, a middle eastern dance circle and competition will be held. Awards will be given for best garb, technical abilities, and most enthusiasm. Please, drummers and dancers come and join us for what promises to be a spirited evening. After dancing, House Genji will be hosting their 3rd annual sumo competition. Those large and small are encouraged to come and test their prowess in the ring.

Site opens Friday at 2PM and closes at 3PM on Sunday. The fee is $5/ adult, $2.50 children 7-14, children 6 and under FREE. All children must have their parent or legal guardian complete minor waiver forms for this event - no exceptions. Make checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen. All reservations must be postmarked by July 25 to allow for camp space count for the Forest Service. This is a wet site.
DIRECTIONS: From north or south, take I-25 to Fort Collins and turn east on exit 269-A (Highway 14 - Mulberry St..). Drive about 45 miles to mile marker 176 near Briggsdale, and follow the SCA signs to the Crow Valley Campground. There are limited retail facilities in Briggsdale which close early on Saturday and do not open on Sunday, so be prepared.

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Taste of Shakespeare Demo — Aug. 10

Longmont, Co

To all good gentles not attending the Pennsic War, let it be known that there will be an alternative event on Sunday, August 10th. The SCA has been invited to present a demo at the annual Taste of Shakespeare. This is an event held to raise money for the Longmont Theater. There will be need for heavy weapons fighters, fencers, fiber arts demonstrations, music, dancing, and any other aspect of the SCA that we can share. The event is set at the Hover Mansion, on Mountain View and Hover. It will begin at 10AM and end at 7PM. There will be need for tents, pavilions, tables, chairs, field heralds, demonstrators, drummers, happy gentles, and poets.

The autocrat will be Althea ni Cullaugh and you can contact her at (303)682-5428 or e-mail at Althea66@aol.com , for any questions, or ideas. In addition, for all scribes, please join us at the demo as we will be handing out personalized book marks for the children. This is a great way to meet potential newcomers to the SCA and add some flavor to the Taste of Shakespeare.

Caerthen Fighter Practice

As I had promised, here are the directions, etc., concerning the Thursday Caerthe fighter practice. It will begin around 6:30 p.m. & continue until dusk. There are no bathrooms on the site and there is no outside lighting. There will be both heavy & light forms practicing. There will be no archery on Thursday night as the canton has permission for Wednesday only. The canton of Hawk's Hollow will still have their fighter practice on Weds as they have scheduled, we will just add Caerthe to the site for Thursday until we find an outdoor site to use for the remainder of the summer.

Directions:

Take I-25 to 120TH, east to Community Center Dr., south to Malley Dr., east to Highline Dr., south to the banners. I have not traveled to the site yet, so I hope that everyone finds the directions work.

If you know of anyone who would travel to our fighter practices, but does not have access to these posts- please help spread the word. I will try to keep everyone informed as much as possible.

In Service,

Kerold Hoegaarden

Warlord and Knight Marshall of Caerthe

Quest for The Dragons — Plattefordham, Aug. 8—10

In quest of dragons? Mythical creature, never existed. All gone. No longer to be found. Not so in Plattefordham. We have been blessed with an abundance of dragons and we wish to share our treasure with the folk of the Dream.

Come and see how many dragons your skills can earn you. There will be opportunities in the fighting arts, arts and sciences(the categories are Fiber Arts, Functional Arts and Visual Arts as defined by Kingdom A&S), a bardic Competition, and categories for children. We are considering a boffer tourney, A&S and an award for the young SCAdian whose actions over the weekend most exemplify the ideals of the Dream.

Directions: The site is the Edness Wilkins State Park four miles east of Casper. Take your best route to Casper, exiting the King's Highway (I-25) at Hat Six Rd.. (Exit 182). Follow the signs to the park and then follow the road around to the Pavilion we will be using. There will be a clear view so you won't have any trouble knowing where to go.

Site Fees: $4/adults, $2/children (under 12): feast $7/adults, $3.50 6-12, under 6 free. There is no limit for feast seating at this time, but feast reservations, preferably paid MUST be in by August 1, 1997. We have room for approx. ten merchants: a fee of $10 will reserve a merchant spot and cover one adult site fee. Please make checks payable to "Shire of Plattefordham, SCA Inc."

There will be a site fee rebate for gentles willing to work with our security team. (This is a wonderful site, but there is a swimming pond and the Platte River flows along the park. We seek enough gentles to provide round the clock patrols to insure safety of all.) This is a damp site (wine, mead and beer only). The site has potable water, permanent toilets, and a limited amount of shade: you will want to make provisions for your own shade in case all the shaded spots are taken. Swimming is permitted in the pond (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian), and fishing (with a Wyoming permit) is also possible at the river. Fires must be contained and no open flames are permitted.

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Dragon's Quest VI — An Arthurian Legend

[Sponsored by the Shire of Hinterland]
August 22-24, A.S.XXXII (1997)
[Site opens 4 PM Friday and closes at 4 PM Sunday]

The Saga continues, with Hinterland Hospitality you've come to enjoy, and a wonderful weekend packed with action and excitement! "'This article is just the essentials - more to come next month!! If you can't wait that long, call the Autocrat!!!,'"

ACTIVITIES will include: Heavy Weapons, Light Weapons, Archery, A&S competition (anything made in the last year), Brewing & Vinting competition (must be homemade and entered in either brewed grain beverage, non-sparkling wine, or sparkling wine), Dancing, Children's Activities, Bardic (bring your stories & songs), Codpiece Contest, and as always a cunningly challenging QUEST. You may wish to revisit Excalibur and A Quest for the Holy Grail prior to your journey, and should plan to include: a Heavy Weapons Fighter, Fencer, Archer, Lady, &Small on your team. Court will be at the pleasure of Their Royal Majesties/Highnesses (if in attendance).

[A specific Schedule of events will be available at the event. A gentle should be able to participate in a little of everything if they wish!]

SITE is the same comfortable (discretely wet) one you've come to know and enjoy: Camp Kiwanis in Riverside Park/Zoo, 1600 S. Beltline Highway West, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Yes, this is a camping event, but with showers, flush toilets, running water, electricity, shade, a large feast hall, and yes, even cabins (which may be reserved for $2 per person, but you've got to let us know with whom you are willing to share)! We are next to the North Platte River, and there are some buzzing wildlife (bees) and poison ivy on site. Fires in containers only, and leashed beasts are allowed.

FEES: Under five years old = FREE; five to eleven = half price; everyone else is $5. site fee and $5. feast fee. Feast is limited to the first 100, and YES WE DO USUALLY SELL OUT BEFORE THE EVENT. You are well advised to make your reservations EARLY, and prepayment is always helpful for you and appreciated by us. Back by popular demand is the four meal food package (for $15.) which includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Feast on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Send coin (ok, paper) of the realm to the Autocrat, made out to SCA-Shire of Hinterland.

DIRECTIONS: Find Scottsbluff, NE - go to the ZOO! (There will also be prolific SCA signage). Nebraska HWY 71 (N-S) intersects with South Beltline Highway, and once there (you're a scant quarter mile to the site) go West [to the ZOO entrance, and follow the SCA signs].

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Field of Gold — Aug. 29—Sept. 1

Behold good gentles one and all, the Field of Gold Championship Challenge is in the offing! Does your heart pound at the thought of honorable mortal combat? Does your heart soar at the thought of arrows in flight? Does your heart sing at the thought of a stirring romantic ballad or serenade? Or does it perhaps race within your breast at the thought of all three? Well, if so, then plan now to journey to Pawnee National Grasslands on the weekend of August 29 through September 1. For an event of such epic proportions, of such unprecedented grandeur as to truly test the mind, talents, and skills of any good gentle regardless of their interests. This will truly present an opportunity to witness the genius and creative talents that is the Kingdom of the Outlands!

Fees: All of this is available for the paltry sum of $9 (teens $3/children under 12 free). Please make checks payable to SCA-Caerthe. At this time reservations are not being accepted.

Site: Opens at 3PM on Friday with an informal evening bardic; closes at noon on Monday. Merchants are welcome! Contact the Autocrat for more information. The site has potable water, trees, shade, and alcohol is permitted. All pets must be leashed and under control at all times - no exceptions. As this is the beginning of dove hunting season, children and pets must be kept from roaming.

Fighting: 3 heavy weapons, 3 fencing and 3 archery competitions, one each sponsored by the Baronies of Caerthe, Dragonsspine and Unser Hafen. Two of each of these tourneys will run on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon will be filled with melee acation, run by various other groups from the northern Outlands. The third heavy, fencing and archery events will happen on Sunday morning.

Arts: We will have a variety of classes to enlighten the mind. As we did last year, the same classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday, so you do not have to miss a thing. Saturday night will be the Field of Gold Bardic Championship Challenge. Sunday night will be drumming competition (Middle Eastern, Celtic, you name it), sponsored by the Northern chapter of Rolling Thunder.

Food: There will be a free feast on Saturday night. This wonderful feast will be a "potluck" of sorts, as each northern group will be bringing "a dish". For example, the Baronies will be providing the stews (beef, chicken, veggie), Shires and Cantons will bring everything else. One of the Autocrat's many helpers will be contacting each local group to see what they may be able to provide. Lunch will be provided Saturday for the Landed Baron/esses and Royals in attendance. Please contact the Autocrat for any questions concerning this luncheon.

Sunday is the Champion Challenger's Grand Processional, followed by the third round of tourneys mentioned above. After all the tourneys, a Grand Court will be held. The true glory shall be for the gentle proclaimed the "Field of Gold Grand Champion". In addition to honor, they will also have the privilege of naming the Consort of Love and Beauty, both to reign for a year and a day in immeasureable grandeur and splendor. For any and all with the courage, skill and valor to compete for this singular honor, please see the Outlandish Herald for the entrance requirements.

There will also be a mini-Field of Gold Championship Challenge for the children including boffer, bardic, and archery to select a junior Field of Gold Champion.

For questions, volunteering opportunities, and opportunities to teach a class, contact the Autocrat.

Directions: Take I-25 to Fort Collins exiting at #269A (Hwy 14) east 35 miles, passing through Ault to Road 77 (mile marker 176). Turn left on Road 77, 1/4 mile to the first gate on the left - Crow Valley Campground. Watch for signs.

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Equestrian Championship & Collegium

Rescue of A'li and Mai-mun Sept. 27-28, 1997

All equestrian and equine enthusiasts are invited to participate in some of the many activities planned during the last weekend in September at the CSU Equine Center in Fort Collins. The site will open at 8 A.M. Saturday, with opening court by 10. Mounted activities to be held (in both arenas) will include archery and spear toss competition, and IKEK heads and rings. A unique combination tourney involving the rescue of the captured A'li and his Arabian war horse Mai-mun will determine the next baronial equestrian champion. Riders must be SCA members, and must pre-register by Sept. 13. Rental horses may be available, but must be reserved by Aug. 29.

A variety of non-mounted events are planned, including an A&S competition, a bardic competition, events for smalls throughout the day, a stick horse fencing tourney, and a stick horse Saracen heads course for smalls and adults. A&S categories are as follows: 1) Barding 2) tack and horse equipment 3) horses as decoration 4) stick horses (constructed that day) 5) a bardic entry (to be performed during court) and, 6) a miscellaneous category for any other horse related A&S article. Documentation is required, with a minimum of ½ page and a maximum of 3 pages.

Sunday, Sept. 28, will feature a collegium incorporating various equestrian talks and hands-on demonstrations. If you are willing to teach a class/demonstration, or know of one you would like to see taught, please notify the autocrats. Site will open at 9 A.M., with events beginning by 10, and things should wrap up in the early afternoon. This will be a great, informal opportunity to learn more about horses and about horses in the middle ages.

Fee for both days, including lunch on Sat., is $5 if received by Sept. 13, $6 if not pre-registered. An additional $2 fee will be charged for riders. As the Caer Galen Dance Collegium and Ball is also scheduled for Sept. 27, in order to try and make both events available to all gentles, those on the guest list for the Caer Galen Dance Collegium and Ball will receive $1 off their site fee for the Equestrian event. A discount may be available at the Caer Galen event, more details will follow next month. Site is dry and does not allow dogs, and smoking is allowed only in specific areas.

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Feast Coordinator: Jeanne-Marie, (Jeanne Beaulier), (970) 225-2264
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Directions to site: From I-25, take exit (265) for Prospect road, turn west (towards mountains), go just over 7 miles to where Prospect dead-ends into Overland Trail. Proceed right (north) onto Overland a half-mile, turn into driveway on left (west) at sign for Equine Center.

Unser Hafen Practices

(See Bofharrach section of this newsletter for Bofharrach information.)

Fighter Practice

Summer practice is on Sunday 1-5PM., in City Park. See map.

Dance Practice

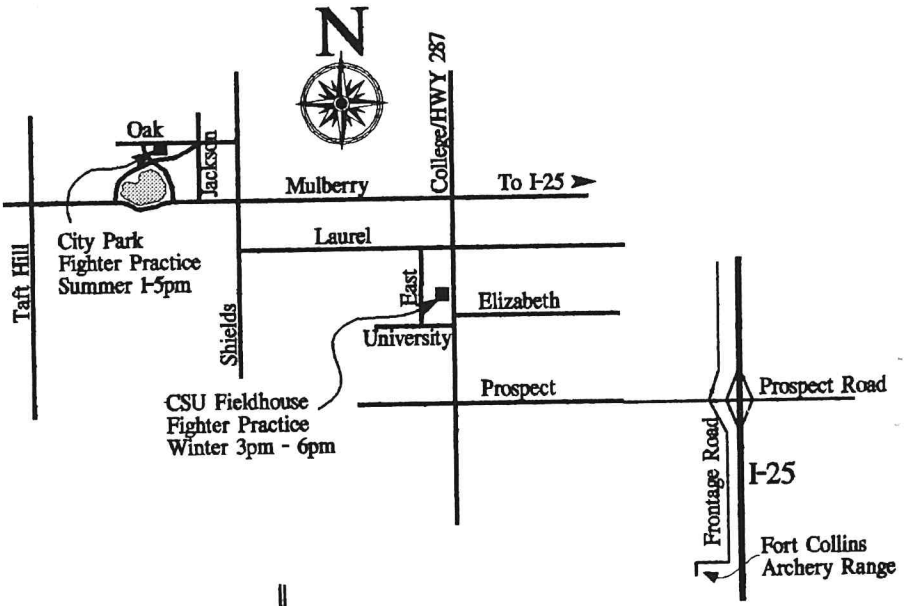
2nd and 4th Mondays, 7-9 PM at the Mountain Range Shadows Club House. See map.

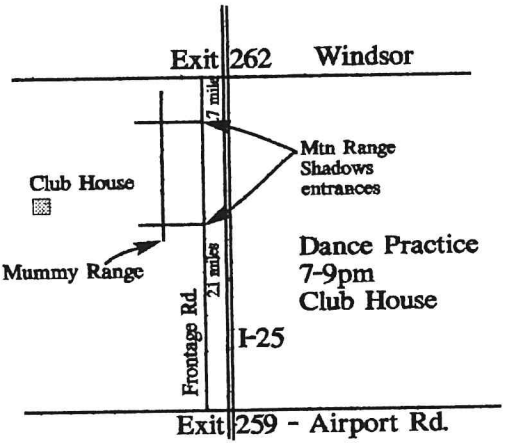
Archery Practice

Sundays, 11-1, at the Fort Collins Archery Range. See map..

Belly Dance

Wednesday evening, 7:30-8:30, Empire Grange Hall, on Mulberry west of Taft Hill. On the North side.





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